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SUBJECT: SAUDI-UK COMMUNIQUE ON PRINCE FAHD VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS SAUDI-UK COMMUNIQUE ISSUED OCTOBER 22 ON
OCCASION OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO UK:

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, THE
RT. HONOURABLE HAROLD WILSON, OBE FRs, HRH CROWN
PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD, FIRST DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, PAID AN
OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON BETWEEN 20 AND 23 OCTOBER
1975. CROWN PRINCE FAHD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SA'UD BIN FAISAL

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH MUHAMMAD ABA AL-KHAIL

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GHASI AL-QUSAIBI

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY

HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH ABDULRAHMAN AL-HELAISSI

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SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON

HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH NASSER AL-RAJI
PERSONAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HRH PRINCE FAHD
HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH MUHAMMAD NOURI IBRAHIM
HEAD OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

3. THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. HAROLD WILSON, RECEIVED CRMWN PRINCE FAHD AND HELD OFFICIAL TALKS WITH HIM. THE FOLLOWING BRITISH MINISTERS PARTICIPATED IN THE TALKS:

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
AFFAIRS

THE RT. HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN MP
CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

THE RT. HON. DENIS HEALEY MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE

THE RT. HON. PETER SHORE MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

THE RT. HON. ROY MASON MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

THE RT. HON. ANTHONY WEDGWOOD BENN MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSIRY

THE RT. HON. ERIC VARLEY MP
THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER
THE RT. HON. HAROLD LEVER MP

4. THE TALKS WHICH WERE CONDUCTED IN A WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, GAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WIDE RANGE OF CURRENT INTEPNATIONAL QUESTIONS INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE GENERAL WORLD RECESSION. THE BRITISH SIDE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE VIEWS AND CONCERN SHOWN BY THE SAUDI SIDE. IN THIS CONNECTION BRITISH MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION.

5. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT IN THE INTER-DEPENDENT CONTEMPORARY WORLD, PEACE AND PROSPERITY ARE INDIVISIBLE. SAUDI ARABIA, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD, HAS AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG
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AND PROSPEROUS EUROPE. CONVERSELY, A STABLE, PEACEFUL AND GPOWING ARAB WORLD IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE TWO SIDES ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE AT A TURNING POINT IN THEIR RELATIONS, THEY HOPE THAT FUTURE ARAB-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY MUTUAL RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP, AND THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EACH OTHER'S VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS. ONLY THROUGH A SUSTAINED AND

SERIOUS EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S VIEWS, PROBLEMS, AND ASPIRATIONS, CAN EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD DEVELOP HARMONIOUS AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONTACTS. BOTH SIDES PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVE THIS END.

6. THE TWO SIDES ALSO WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN

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PARIS ON 16 OCTOBER FOR THE HOLDING OF A CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN PARIS ON 16 DECEMBER.

7. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA TO REDUCE IT. THEY EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH SHOULD HAVE AS A MAJOR GOAL REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

8. IN CONSIDERING OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN, THE TWO SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION FAVOURABLE CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND TO INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES. AS REGARDS THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE
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SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND THEY WILL WELCOME ANY STEPS TOWARDS THIS GOAL.

9. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DISCUSSED IN DEPTH QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANGLO/SAUDI RELATIONS. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THESE RELATIONS HAD DEVELOPED FAVOURABLY IN RECENT YEARS AND AGREED THAT THEIR FURTHER EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PEOPLES AND OF THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND COOPERATION. THEY AGREED TO INTENSIFY POLITICAL CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT ALL LEVELS AND TO ACT TO DEVELOP FURTHER THEIR RELATIONSHIP IN ALL AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

10. RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF ECONOMIC COLLABORATION IN STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND SAUDI PEOPLES, THE TWO SIDES RESOLVED TO MAKE SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE VOLUME OF TRADE EXCHANGES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PARTICIPATION OF BRITISH INSTITUTIONS AND FIRMS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SAUDI FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

11. IN THIS CONTEXT AND WISHING TO CREATE A STRONGER FRAMEWORK FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION, THE SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

12. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION AT THE CONCLUSION BETWEEN THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND SAUDI ARABIAN UNIVERSITIES OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING SERVICES. THEY RE-AFFIRMED THEIR COMMON DESIRE FURTHER TO EXTEND AND DIVERSIFY THEIR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OF THE TWO PEOPLES ABOUT THE OTHER. TO THIS END IT WAS AGREED THAT A LONG-TERM CULTURAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED

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DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF THE
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, MR. JAMES
CALLAGHAN,

13. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE MEETINGS AND TALKS
WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE VISIT OF HRH CROWN PRINCE
FAHD WERE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BI-
LATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE
STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

14. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT FRIENDLY RE-
LATIONS ESTABLISHED BY HIS LATE MAJESTY KING
ABDULAZIZ AND STRENGTHENED DURING THE REIGN OF HIS

LATE MAJESTY KING FAISAL, ARE BEING FURTHER DEVELOPED
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HM KING KHALID. HRH CROWN
PRINCE FAHD CONVEYED KING KHALID'S PERSONAL GREETINGS
TO HM QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

15. HRH CROWN PRINCE FAHD INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER TO
VISIT SAUDI ARABIA. MR. WILSON ACCEPTED THE INVITA-
TION WITH PLEASURE, FOR DATES TO BE ARRANGED. END
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QUOTE.

16. ALTHOUGH "PROGRAMMED" PART OF PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT IS
OVER, VISIT CONTINUES TODAY, INCLUDING LUNCHEON WITH THE
QUEEN.

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